

COLD WAVE CAUSE OF FIFTEEN FIRES

Burating of Stoves Responsible for Majority of Blazes Which Keep the Department Busy.

From the minutes immediately preceding dawn until the fall of night yesterday, Washington's fire departments—that section of it, at least, on duty during those hours—was taxed to its utmost capacity, regarding not only the damageability of its own apparatus overpowered by the snow and ice covered streets, but the mettle of both men and horses in withstanding a day which will go down in weather history as an extremely cold one.

Fifteen times alarms of fire were sounded and fifteen blazes were fought out, and although the city is not in regular years has the number of fires in a single day been exceeded. Yet with the large number of blazes the total damage will not exceed much more than \$1,000. There is a probability that one fatality may result from the day's work.

Michael Frontini, fourteen-year-old son of Michael Frontini, who was struck by a piece of iron when a stove burst in his kitchen, died from the effects of his wounds at Emergency Hospital with a fracture of the skull. Physicians say that the boy's condition is serious, but he has a chance to recover.

One feature of the day's blazes was the number of stoves which burst be-

The most disastrous of the fires occurred in the basement and kitchen of the Washington Inn at 226 North Capitol street and caused damages amounting to about \$500. The fire was discovered shortly before 8 o'clock in the evening. The arrival of the fire engines and firemen confined the blaze to the basement and kitchen of the hotel and prevented a panic among the guests. The hotel is conducted by F. W. Reynolds and owned by M. M. Smith. The hotel is covered by insurance. The fire was caused by a pile of trash becoming ignited by sparks falling from a furnace.

The signal for the commencement of the day's conflagrations was sounded shortly after 8 o'clock in the morning, when a small blaze was discovered in the cellar of the hardware establishment of Barber & Ross, at Eleventh Street and Broadway. The central alarm of the fire, two minutes later, was sounded. About half a dozen companies responded. It developed upon investigation that the fire was insignificant. A quantity of inflammable material had lent unaccountably and set fire to some kindling.

At the close of those duties it was the duty of the fireman to go out to fight the fire, the thermometer at the time when the hose was being connected to the plug in the vicinity of the Barber & Ross establishment.

low very. Great hardship was experienced by the firemen in connecting the hose, as the water coming from the plugs froze almost as soon as it came in contact with the air.

A two hours' halt of inactivity ensued, and about 8 o'clock a small fire in the vestibule of J. M. Street, Benbenster's residence, at 223 N. street northwest, called out No. 7 Engine Company. The fire was started by burning rags thrown into a gas stove. The fire was extinguished in a few minutes, and the escaping gas ignited. The damage done by the blaze was small.

Frederick Burgess and Mrs. Harriette Mattingly, of 432 Sixth street northwest, were slightly injured on the hands and

The fire was extinguished before much damage had been done. Both Mrs. Mattingly and Burgess refused to go to a hospital for treatment.

For more than an hour bursting water fronts in three closets at 1206 I street, 618 Twenty-third street, and 908 New Hampshire avenue northwest kept the fire apparatus in the Third precinct busily en-

rounini, Jr., fourteen years old, was seriously injured, when a piece of the bursted stove struck him in the head. The boy was playing in front of the stove with a pet dog, when he was suddenly knocked unconscious. He was picked up by a neighbor and while other members of the family sounded an alarm of fire, and taken to the Emergency Hospital. There he was found to be suffering from a fractured skull. His condition is considered serious.

The fire at 68 Twenty-third street, which is occupied by Burrill Jordan, and at 901 New Hampshire street, both of which are owned by Ella Thomas, colored, were easily extinguished. The damage done by the flames in each case proved small.

The fire of Thomas S. Wood, at 601 Massachusetts avenue northeast, were given a bad scare shortly after six o'clock in the morning when the kitchen stove bursted and caused a small blaze. The flames were done before the blaze was extinguished.

A portiere catching fire from a lamp, caused a small fire in the parlor of 600 West Washington street, owned by Mrs. Rena Hine. The fire was snuffed out about 10 o'clock.

Explosion of the kitchen range in the

first street northwest, caused a small fire shortly after noon. About \$20 damage was done by the fire and was covered by insurance.

A small fire of unknown origin was discovered at the second floor of the residence of James T. Anderson, 1641 1/2 Creamer street northeast, shortly after 2 o'clock in the afternoon. The fire was confined to the rear room and was extinguished after fanning the house to the east for about 15 minutes.

A defective fireplace in the house at 1226 New Jersey avenue northwest caused a small blaze shortly after 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon in the house next door, at 1234 New Jersey avenue northwest.

Firemen from the McKee, about 25 worth of property had been destroyed.

Residents of 17 Chestnut street, Takoma Park, were alarmed shortly after 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon, when a small blaze in the rear room of the house threatened to spread to the front. Firemen threatened to demolish the structure. Stuermann assisted them.

by members of his family, however, prevented the blaze from spreading. It is believed that it was because of this that the fire did not do as much damage to his home as might have been expected. The fire was caused by a lace curtain coming in contact with a lighted gas jet. The damage done is estimated at \$1000. The fire broke out in the home of Upshur Moorhead, at 1738 K street northwest, called out No. 1 Engine Company in the afternoon. The fire was confined to the chimney and was quickly extinguished by the same engine. Engine Company No. 2 responded to a fire in the chimney of Mrs. Adele Hillier's residence, at 21 Hillier Place, and extinguished a slight blaze before any damage was done.

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